

A Church Is Burning
Paul Simon

Eb Bb Ab Eb Bb Eb
A church is burn - - - ing

Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb
the flames rise high - er

Gm Fm
like hands that are pray - ing

Ab Bb Fm Bb
a - glow in the sky

Eb
Like hands that are praying

Ab Gm Fm Eb
the fi - re is saying,

Ab Eb
You can burn down my churches

Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Fm
but I shall be - e free.

Eb
Three hooded men thru the backroads did creep

Fm
Torches in their hands while

Eb
the village lies a-sleep

Ab Fm Eb
Down to the church where

Db Eb
just hours be-fore

Ab Fm Eb
voices were singing and

Ab Fm Eb
hands were beating and

Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb
saying I won t be a slave any-more.

Eb Bb Ab Eb Bb Eb
And a church is burn - - - ing

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the flames rise high - er

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like hands that are pray - ing

Ab Bb Fm Bb
a - glow in the sky

Eb
Like hands that are praying

Ab Gm Fm Eb
the fi - re is saying,

Ab Eb
You can burn down my churches

Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Fm
but I shall be - e free.

Eb
Three hooded men, their hands lit the spark

Fm
Then they faded in the night

Eb
and they vanished in the dark

Ab Fm Eb
And in the cool light of morning

Ab Fm Eb
there s nothing that re-mains

Ab Eb
But the ashes of a bible and

Bb7 Eb
a can of kero-sene

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Ab **Bb Fm Bb**
a - glow in the sky

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Like hands that are praying

Ab Gm Fm Eb
the fi - re is saying,

Ab Eb
You can burn down my churches

Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Bb Eb Fm
but I shall be - e free.

Eb
A church is more than just timber and stone

Fm
And freedom is a dark road

Eb
When you re walking it a-lone

Ab Fm Eb
But the future is now

Ab Fm Eb
and it s time to take a stand

Ab Eb
So the lost bells of freedom

Bb7 Eb
can ring out in my land

Eb Bb Ab Eb Bb Eb
And a church is burn - - - - ing

Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb
the flames rise high - er

Gm Fm
like hands that are pray - ing

Ab Bb Fm Bb
a - glow in the sky

Eb
Like hands that are praying

Ab Gm Fm Eb
the fi - re is saying,

Ab Fm Eb Cm
You can burn down my churches

Ab Bb Ab Fm Eb Bb Eb Fm Eb Bb Eb
but I - I - I - I shall be free.